

HIGH OCCUPANCY  
VEHICLES LANES  
(HOV)

## ...THINKING AHEAD

### WHAT ARE HOV LANES?

**HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANES (HOV) ARE TRAVEL LANES RESERVED FOR VEHICLES WITH MORE THAN ONE OCCUPANT.**

### DO WE NEED THEM?

**HOV LANES ARE APPROPRIATE TO CONSIDER WHEN SEVERE OR REOCCURRING CONGESTION IS PRESENT (LEVEL OF SERVICE E OR F AND AVERAGE SPEEDS OF 30 MPH OR LESS) DURING PEAK PERIODS.**

**FEDERAL REGULATIONS REQUIRE THAT CONGESTION MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES BE ANALYZED AS ALTERNATIVES TO ADDING MORE LANE MILES.**

**THE COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION, OUR REGIONAL METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION, HAS ESTABLISHED A GOAL THAT 25% OF TOTAL TRIPS WILL USE ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION METHODS IN THE FUTURE. TRAFFIC FORECASTS INCLUDE THIS ASSUMPTION.**

### DO THEY WORK?

**CONGESTION LEVELS, PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE, LAW ENFORCEMENT, DESIGN, OPERATIONS, AND SYSTEM INTEGRATION ARE ALL FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE THE SUCCESS OF AN HOV LANE. ITD WILL DO AN HOV FEASIBILITY STUDY AS A PART OF THIS PROJECT.**



**HAVE YOU USED HOV LANES?  
WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

